SPIRITUALISM - J. H. ALTEMUS WHJ. HOLD A meeting THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, June 8, at Wom's Hal, 721 6th st. n.w. 1t\*

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS OF AMERICA.—NEXT THURSDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock, busement of Carroll Institute, the supreme delegates to Mobile will make their reports. Members invited. CARPENTERS & BUILDERS ROB THEMSELVES

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Chapter of Rose Croix—The stated meeting will
be held on TUENDAY, 8th June, 1897, at 7:30
p.m. Election of members of board of trustees
for ensuing year. Report of finance committee
will be due. GEORGE II, WALKER, 32d deg.,
Secretary. je7-21

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SPIRITUALISM-MRS. EFFIE MeNEIL, CLAIR-voyant, business and test medium, 1914 Penna. nyc. my29-12t THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDers of the Commercial Fire Insurance Company of the Dittrict of Columbia will be held at the office of the company, No. 525 11th street n.w., on THURSDAY, JUNE, 17, 1897, for the election of fifteen trustees to serve the ensuing year. Polls open from 12 to 2 o'clock p.m. Transfer hooks will be clessed from June 10 to 17, inclusive.

JOHN W. SCHAEFER, Secretary.

JUNE 1, 1897.—THE FIRM OF WOODWARD &
Rose is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
C. H. Woodward is authorized to cellect and
pay all debts for and against the firm. C. H.
WOODWARD, W. R. ROSE. je5-3t\* FOR BEAUTY,
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Cleveland Park.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN Ammonia Manufacturing Co, will be held at 111 N. Alfred st., Alexandria, Va., on MONDAY, June 14, 1897, at 10:30 a.m., for the election of board of directors.

REUBEN DOOLITTLE, President. L. SANDERSON, Secretary.

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L. SANDERSON, Secretary. je1-2w\*

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED States, ex-officio commissioner of the sinking fund of the District of Columbia. Washington, D. C., June 1, 1897.—By virtue of the authority given by the act of Congress approved March 3, 1891, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of bonds of the District of Columbia failing dae July 1, 1891, and July 1 and 26, 1892." I hereby give notice that the principal of the bonds hereinbelow designated will be paid at the treasury of the United States, in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 1st day of July, 1897, and that the interest on said bonds will cease on that day, viz.: Three-fifty per cent ten-year funding bonds of the District of Columbia, Issued under the act of Congress approved March 3, 1891, and numbered as follows: \$100, original No. 48; \$500, original No. 185 to original No. 20, both inclusive; \$1,000, original No. 466 to original No. 725, both inclusive; \$1,000, original No. 800 to original No. 825, both inclusive. Total, \$289,100. The bonds described above are either bonds of the "original" base, which have but one serial number at each end, or "substitute" bonds, which may be distinguished by the double set of numbers, which are marked plainly "original mombers" and "substitute numbers." ALL OF THE BONDS OF THIS LOAN WILL BE CALLED BY THE ORIGINAL NUMBERS ONLY. The provision of law governing the order in which the bonds shall be called in is as follows: "The last of the said banks originally issued under this act, and their substitutes, shall be first called in, and this order of payment shall be followed until all shall have been paid." Bonds forwarded for redemption." Assignments must be dated and properly acknowledged as prescribed in the note printed on the back of each bond. Where checks in payment are desired in favor of any one but the payee, the bonds should be assigned to the "Treasurer of the United States for redemption," Assignments must be dated and properly acknowledged as prescr

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WHEREAS, BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS, APproved January 26, 1897, the auditor of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia is empowered and directed to examine and audit for
actilement all claims for property taken, injured
of destroyed by reason of the destruction of the
Northern Liberty Market in 1872, and all claims
for payments made for the purchase, rent, or
use of any stall or privilege in said market
house: Notice is hereby given to all persons having such claims as herein specified to present the
same at my office in the United States, court
mouse in this city within ninety days after the
15th day of March, 1897, as further provided by
the said act, otherwise the claims will not be
allowed. JAS. G. PAYNE, Auditor. h16-t&ftoje13

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. Entrance examination will be held in Washington, at rooms of the civil service commission, beginning THUENDAY, June 17, at 10 a.m., and continuing through Friday, June 18.

Address inquiries to VICTOR KAUFFMANN,
The Evening Star office.

F. L. PATTON, President. ALL KINDS OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES ent prices. T. D. HADDAWAY, 1308 F st., Box 503 OFFICE OF THE GEOFGETOWN GAS LIGHT Co., 1118 20th st. a.w., May 22, 1897.—A meet-ing of the stockholders of this company for the election of seven directors will be held at this office MGNDAY, June 7, 1857. Polls open 11 a.m.; close 1 p.m. FRANK PAUL LEETCH, Secretary and Treasurer. my 22-14t

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Transfers of Real Estate. N street northwest (south side) between 17th and 18th streets.-Reginald Fendall et al., trustees, to

Thos. L. Waters, lot 22 and west 12½ feet of lot 23, sq. 153; \$31,000.
East Capitol street between 15th and 16th streets.

- Clarence F. Norment et ux. et al. 60 Frank V. Tilford, original lot 10, sq. 1070; \$10.

Sixth street southwest between M and N streets.

Fannie W. Herr to Adolph Lochl, lot A, sq. 502; \$10. Columbia Heights.—Clarence C. Waring et ux. to Edw. J. Haman and Nicholas T. Haller, lots 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, blk. 27, \$100. K street northeast between 8th and 9th streets.—Sallie E. Berryman to William Warren, lot 31, 81, 309, \$10.

Saille E. Berryman to William Warren, 17th 200; \$10.

Massachusetts avenue northwest between 17th and 18th streets.—Stella A. Kent to Stella A. Legare, part original lot 2, 84, 158; \$10.

Alley between 20th and 27th, I and K streets northwest.—Win H. Dimeanson et al., trustees, to John Cook, trustee, lot 25, 84, 5; \$475.

North Capitol street northwest between P and Q streets.—Dora Kurnitzki to Clara C. Junney, lot 78, 8165; \$10. streets.—Dere Kurnitzki to Claim C. James, 104, 615; \$10.

Barry Farm.—Lawrence G. Fletcher, sr., et al. to Mary H. Watson, part tot 8, sec. 2; \$860.

No. 1012 9th street northeast.—August Donath et al., trustees, to Wim. and Minnie S. Maynard, lot 24, 82, 900; \$10.

Hickey Estate.—Mary S. Kelly to Wim. J. Don-

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Supervising Architect.

LEADING ARCHITECTS WILL CONTEST

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Competitive Examination for a New

Secretary Gage to Give the Act of '93 a Trial.

DEFECTS TO BE WAIVED

day that the prospective vacancy in the office of supervising architect of the treasury will be filled by competitive examination. The examination, he said, will be conducted by the civil service commission. which body will avail itself of the advice and co-operation of a committee of architects of established reputation, in the preparation of a series of questions intended to demonstrate the general and technical knowledge and skill, as well as the administrative ability, of the various candidates. Preparations are now being made for the examination, and it is expected that the plans for it, including time and place, will be announced in a short time.

Secretary Gage regards the office as one of the mest important in the Treasury Department, and he wants to fill it with the best man he can get without regard to politics. Mr. Aiken, the incumbent, practically severed his connection with it on the 31st uitimo. As will be remembered, he resigned by request, the action being taken,

as was explained at the time, "for the good of the service."

In accepting Mr. Aiken's resignation, however, the Secretary of the Treasury granted him leave of absence until June 30, so that technically he will be in office. up to that date. Meanwhile the affairs of the office are being administered by Mr. Kemper, chief executive officer, who will continue to act as supervising architect until a permanent appointment shall have been made.

Plans for Public Buildings.

An important question under serious onsideration by Secretary Gage in conection with the selection of a new supervising architect is the practicability of the enforcement of the provisions of the Tarsney act of February 20, 1803, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to obtain plans and specifications of public buillings by general competition. That act provided as follows:

"Ee it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and the same is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to obtain plans, drawings and specifications for the erection of public buildings for the United States authorized by Congress to be erected under the supervision and direction of ed under the supervision and direction of the Secretary of the Treasury and the local supervision of the construction thereof by competition among architects under such conditions as he may prescribe and to make payment for the services of the architeet whose plan may be selected out of the appropriations of the respective buildings: Frovided, That not less than five architects shall be invited by the said Secretary to compete for the furnishing of such plans compete for the furnishing of such plans and specifications and the supervision of such construction: And provided further. That the general supervision of the work shall continue in the office of the supervising architect of the Treasury Department, the supervising architect to be the representative of the government in all matters connected with the erection and completion of such buildings, the receipt of proposals, the award of contracts thereof proposals, the award of contracts therefor proposals, the award of contracts therefor, and the disbursement of moneys thereunder, and perform all the duties that now pertain to his office, except the preparation of drawings and specifications for such buildings and the local supervision of the construction thereof, the said drawings and specifications, however, to be subject at ali-times to modification and change relating to plan or arrangement of building and selection of material therefor, as may be directed by the Secretary of the Treasury."

No action has ever been taken under this

statute. Secretary Carlisle regarded it as mpracticable in its present form, and endeavored to have Congress amend it so as to meet his objections. He prepared a substitute bill having that end in view, but it never reached the legislative stage. In response to a resolution of the House of Representatives of March 16, 1894, Secretary Carlisle gave the following as some of the reasons why the provisions of the act were inadequate to accomplish the desired

"That there was a conflict between the provisions of the present act and the provisions of certain other statutes regarding public buildings; that it was necessary to prepare a comprehensive scheme der which a competition could be arranged and a method provided for selecting a jury of award to pass upon the designs received in such competition; that the relations of the successful competitor with the Secretary of the Treasury and with the supervising architect's office should be clear-ly established and defined by contract; that the required change in the method of that the required change in the method of preparing the plans, drawings and specifications would necessitate a reorganization of the office of the supervising architect, a reduction in its force, the rearrangement of the different divisions, and the work to be performed therein; that they should examine the workings and details of the office in the control of the office. in order to make intelligent criticisms and

suggestions thereon."
Secretary Carlisle also contended that the evident purpose of Congress, as ex-pressed in the Tarsney act, conflicted with unrepealed section of the act of March "No money shall be expended upon any "No money shall be expended upon which work has public building upon which work has public building upon which work has yet been actually begun until after draw-ings and specifications, together with de-tailed estimates of the cost thereof, shall ave been made by the supervising architect of the Treasury Department, and said plans and estimates shall have been ap-proved by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Interior and the Post-master General.

Among the amendments to the Tarsney bill suggested by Secretary Carlisle was one that the supervising architect of the freasury be authorized to prepare a scheme for the contemplated competition, such scheme to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. Another was that the commission or jury of award should consist of five members, three of whom should be architects of recognized reasury be authorized to prepare a scheme whom should be architects of recognized professional standing and experience, and two business men or government officials, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. He also suggested that it be provided that the architect should have entire control of all the details pertaining to the construction of the building in the manner in which architects customarily control them, and the duties of the supervising architect be limited to a general suvising architect be limited to a general su-pervision, to protect the interests of the government during the course of construc-tion, or that the competition should be

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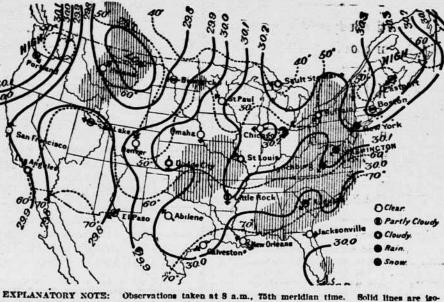
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THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP



bars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" shew location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind.

FAIR TOMORROW.

Cool Weather is Indiented.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Wednesday-For the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, showers, followed by fair weather Wednesday; continued weather; east to northeast winds.

Weather conditions-The area of high pressure has remained stationary over New Brunswick. A ridge of high pressure extends from Texas to Ontario. The pressure is relatively high off the north Pacific and Florida coasts.

The storm in Assinibola has moved southeastward to Montana, increasing in intensity, a pressure of 20.62 and a wind of 40 miles per hour being reported from Havre. Rain has fallen in the Atlantic states, the lower lake region, the Ohio and middle Mississippi valleys.

The temperature has fallen in the lower lake region and the interior of the Atlantic

states, has risen in the extreme northwest, nd has remained nearly stationary else-The following heavy precipitation (in

The following heavy precipitation (in inches) was reported:
During the past twenty-four hours—
Tampa, 4.10; Charlette, 2.04; Pittsburg, 1.38; Parkersburg, 1.58; Erie, 1.50; Rockliffe, 1.38; Lumberton, N. C., 1.64; Biackville, S. C., 3.68.
Rivers—The following changes in the rivers (in feet and tenths) have occurred:

limited to designs to be carried out by the supervising architect. What Secretary Gage Thinks.

Although Secretary Gage agrees in the main with ex-Secretary Carlisle that the Tarsney act does not entirely meet the requirements of the situation, he is strongly in favor of the idea of competition in plans for public buildings, and has finally decided to give the statute a practicul test at the first favorable opportunity. He has consulted architects on the subject and has found them willing and zealous to sid in any movement looking to an improvement in the architecture of government buildings. It was stated at the department to-day that there will be no difficulty in entitisting the interest and co-operation of architects in this work, and that the best among them will enter into the proposed competition, provided, however, that arrangements be made to compensate the unsuccessful architects for their actual expenses in preparing plans and specifica-tions. According to Secretary Gage, this is one of the most serious defects in the act. Provision is made to pay the successful competitor for his plans out of the ap-propriation for the building, but the Sec-

retary has concluded that such appropriations could not be used in paying the actual expenses attending the preparation of the unsuccessful plans. It was feared that under these circumstances it might be difficult to induce the leading architects to enter the competition. One of the architects said they might be induced to prepare plans for a building and stand the chance of its acceptance, but they wouldn't care to do so unless their actual expenses were defrayed. They did not want anything for their plans, pre-vided they were rejected, beyond the mere cost of putting them in shape for submission. Secretary Gage consulted with the law officers of the department on the sub-ject, and it was concluded that there is no legal authority for an expenditure of that character. The Secretary thought that it was a proper expense against the appro-priation for the building for which the

plans were made, but recognized the fact that he was powerless to authorize such payments under existing laws. Architects Willing to Try It. When the state of the case was repre sented to the architects who are interesting themselves in the matter they agreed to give the Tarsney act a trial at the first ci-portunity and lock to Congress to reimburse them in the future. So desirous were they to inaugurate the competitive system in the designing of public buildings that they were willing to stand the expense involved if Congress did not regard it as a

legitimate item of the cost of the buildings legitimate item of the cost of the buildings for which the plans were drawn.

This arrangement was satisfactory to Secretary Gage, and he has announced that he will invite architects to compete in plans and specifications for the next government building to be erected, and that Congress will be asked to reimburse the unsuccessful architects for the actual expenses entailed upon them by the comexpenses entailed upon them by the competition. It is said that this course of action will be followed regardless of the personality of the next architect or the time of his appointment.

Hotel Arrivals.

Raleigh-E. G. Fisher and wife, Canton, Ohio, J. J. Woodward, Newport News, Va.; T. N. West, Savannah, Ga.; J. H. Drake, Richmond, Va.; J. A. Cheney, New York; G. F. Bodwell, Chicago, Ill.; W. P. Harding, Philadeiphia, Pa.; B. C. McVey, Grand Rapids, Mich.; D. J. Doland, Cleveland, Ohio; W. J. Townsend, Augusta, Ga. Oxford-C. S. Cowie, Monroe, La.

Normandie-B. W. Duke, Louisville, Ky. Arlington-L. T. Trull, Lowell, Mass.; G. T. Rich, Detroit, Mich.; G. H. Maddock, Boston, Mass.; M. A. Verner, Pittsburg, Pa.; D. D. Woodmansee, Cincinnati, Ohio; H. H. Nash, Columbus, Ohio.

Shoreham—W. K. Lee and A. Lee, St. Louis, Mo.; A D. Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio; P. Sturdee, London, England; E. Wolf, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. Reed and wife, Chi-Wellington-R. T. Perkins and son, Roch-

Wellington-R. T. Perkins and son, Rochester, N. Y.; P. C. Boyle, Oil City, Pa.; J. F. Marshall, U. S. N.
Riggs-C. A. Briggs, New York; A. J. Clark, Philadelphia, Pa.; L. T. Sawyer and H. W. Savage, Boston, Mass.
Ebbitt-E. B. Clark, Milford, Conn.; S. B. Miller, A. McKinley and A. L. Don, New York; J. C. McCullough, Cincinnati, Ohio; A. M. Wall, Brcoklyn, N. Y.; S. E, Lincoln, Springfield, Ohio.

Springfield, Ohio.
St. James—B. W. James, Madison, Wis.;
J. W. Young, Clinton, Tenn.; F. N. Wilson,
Toledo, Ohio.
National—D. B. Henderson, Kansas City, Mo.; A. G. Richardson, St. Louis, Mo.; H. L. Bardwell, Chicago, Ill.; J. C. Jett, New York.

Metropolitan-T. L. Parker, New York; G. F. Sawyer, Boston, Mass.

Broke the Glass.

Four well-dressed little white boys, thoroughly frightened, had a novel and disagreeable experience when they were lined up today in the Police Court among the prisoners. Destroying private property was the charge, and Policeman Stroman explained that the little chaps had caused plained that the little chaps had caused much damage to a vacant house at 13th and Providence streets, Brookland. Principally, they had broken several large cathedral glasses in the vestibule in order to obtain the "jewels" to look through. "These boys are too small to imprison," said Judge Mills. "They should be taught, however, that what they have done is a very serious offense. If their parents will promise to punish the children I will dismiss them." miss them. The promises were given and the case dismissed.

The river at New Orleans is 0.6 above the danger line and has fallen 0.2. Tide Table. Today-Low tide, 7:19 a.m. and 7:57 p.m.; high tide, 1:04 a.m. and 1:34 p.m.
Tomorrow—Low tide, 8:22 a.m. and 8:52 p.m.; high tide, 2:00 a.m. and 2:31 p.m.

The Sun and Moon. Today-Sun rises, 4:34 a.m.; sun sets. 24 p.m.
Moon sets, 12:33 a.m. tomorrow.
Tomorrow—Sun rises, 4:34 a.m.
The City Lights.

Gas lamps all lighted by 8:32 p.m.: extinguishing begun at 3:42 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named. Arc lamps lighted at 8:17 p.m.; ex-tinguished at 3:57 a.m.

Condition of the Water. Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 66; condition, 2. Receiving reservoir, temperature, 72; condition at north connection, 3; condition at south connection, 5. Distributing reservoir, temperature, 71; condition at influent gate house, 13; effluent gate house,

Temperatures for Twenty-Four Hours The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau during the past twenty-four hours, beginning at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon:
June 7—4 p.m., 62; 8 p.m., 58; midnight, 56.
June 8—4 a.m., 56; 8 a.m., 56; 12 m., 58, and 2 p.m., 58.
Maximum, 62, at 4 p.m., June 7; minimum, 56, at 4 a.m., Jure 8.

DECLARED TO BE GUILTY

Marketmen Convicted for Having Quails Out

In the case of Charles H., John F. and Frank H. Javins, indicted the south of last April for violating the District game laws, Chief Justice Bingham this morning formally overruled the request of the defense that the jury be directed to return a verdict of not guilty, and instructed the jury to render a verdict of guilty. That was done, the defense noting an exception. The defendants will appear for sentence this afternoon or tomorrow, and when that is done their attorneys, Messes. Birney & Peter, Henry F. Woodard and Walter A. Johnson, will note an appeal to the Court

The defendants, well-known marketmen The defendants, well-known marketmen, together with several other dealers, were indicted for having, the 16th of last March, in their possession for sale six dead partridges or quall, at a time without the District closed season. The trial was commenced in Criminal Court No. 1 yesterday, and, as reported in The Star, the defendants admitted the charge, but explained that the birds were not killed, entrapped or taken in the District, but were purchased taken in the District, but were purchased in St. Louis and shipped here for sale.

Provisions of the Law. The law alleged to have been violated

makes it unlawful for any person to kill, er trap or take certain game, partridges and quail included, in the District, or to have possession of or expose for sale such game during certain months of the year, March being one of the said months. Upon the conclusion of the testimony, counsel for the defense requested the court to instruct the fury to return a verdict of not guilty, and in support of their motion they submitted that if the birds were not killed, entrapped or taken in the District, but were merely exposed for sale here, they should not be convicted.

A long argument resulted, counsel for A long argument resulted, coursel for the defense contending that the law was eracted not for the protection of game in other territory, but simply for the protec-tion of game in the District.

They also argued that Congress was without authority under the Constitution o prohibit the purchase of game elsewhere for sale here. Assistant District Attorney Shillington, representing the prosecution, took just the opposite position, of course, submitting that Congress, exercising ex-clusive jurisdiction over the District, is fully empowered to prohibit the sale here of game and other goods.

Divergence of Opinion.

Chief Justice Bingham reserved his decision until today, and in disposing of the motion this morning he referred to the great divergence of opinion among jurists in the matter. In his own opinion the law in question, properly construed, cannot bear the construction placed on it by the district attorney.

In view of the many conflicting judicial

opinions in such cases, and in order that there might be an authoritative decision here by the Court of Appeals, the judge said that he would overrule the motion pro forma and direct a verdict of guilty. There can be no doubt, said the court, that persons in one state can purchase goods in original packages in another state, even though the sale of these goods be prohibited in the states to which the goods are shipped but the chief of the goods are shipped, but the chief justice explained that he could not agree that Congress intended to prohibit the introduction into the District of game from another territory for sale here. Nevertheless, remarked the sale here. Nevertheless, remarked the judge, he would overrule the motion for the reasons stated by him, and in view the fact that the government has no right of an appeal. In that way the defendants could obtain, on appeal, an authoritative decision from the Court of Appeals, which decision would, of course, be binding on all courts, while his could not be.

Validity of the Law.

Mr. Birney suggested that, as the case was simply brought to test the validity of the law, the jury should be instructed to return a verdict of guilty as to but one of the six birds. Mr. Shillington assented. and, after the defense had roted an ex-

and, after the defense had roted an exception to the court's ruling, the verdict of guilty was rendered.

The case will at once be carried to the Ccurt of Appeals, but it is hardly possible to obtain a decision from the appellate tribunal before next fall. The trial of the cases against the other indicted parties will be suspended to await the Court of Appeals' decision in the Javins case. Warden Sylvester's Vlews.

"As game warden of the Fish and Game Protective Association of the District, and as a member of the Society for the Protection of Birds in the District," said Game Warden Sylvester, "I am glad to know that Judge Bingham, in his decision this morning, gave the quail and birds of this Dis-trict and of the country the benefit of any doubt he may have had regarding the apdoubt he may have had regarding the application of our game law. It will prevent the selling of game trapped in states where the closed season is in operation in the District of Columbia, and put an end to the extermination of quall, which is fast going on by reason of inadequate laws. As many prominent lawyers and judges have differed on the subject of local laws preventing the sale of imported game, it is probable that the case will go to the Court of Appeals. The public will accept the decision with pleasure."

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

Trial of Officers Smith and Ferguson | With an Appetite Before the Commissioners.

THEY ARE ACQUITTED OF THE CHARGES

Hodge Declared by a Commission to Be Sane.

WANTED IN BALTIMORE

The board of police commissioners h before them for several hours last nig Sergt, James T. Smith and Officer F guson. The charges against Sergt. Sm were about as follows: That he, with O cer Ferguson, did, the night of April enter the saloon of Mr. Harry Rice, "Hardcorner," and remain there more th an hour and a half. The charges again Officer Ferguson, in addition, were th on April 6, he was on a drunk, and w in such a condition that he could not port at headquarters in time for duty. F ther, that both of the accused officers we seen in a lot off Officer Ferguson's b and in a house of ill repute. Capt. Webster, the first witness, sa

"I have been informed by a young m going down in that beat, that Sergt, Smi and Officer Ferguson were seen in Ric place at the hour named; that they turned up Lee street to Fairfax, pass over on right side and went into Royal. Commissioner Lindsay wanted to knowhere Capt. Webster got his informatic and who was his informant. At first the captain was nonplussed. After an echange of words between the mayor a himself, the chief still hesitated, but w made to answer by Mr. Leonard Marbu attorney for Ferguson and Smith, a said "Lieut. Smith and his son, Char sald "Lie T. Smith."

"When was this information given?"
was asked.
"About April 5."

"About April 5."
To this Mr. Thompson replied:
"Well, it might have been given to the board of police commissioners at that time instead of two months later."
Then came up the question of Sergt. Smith taking Officer Ferguson from his beat and going to the house of questionable repute occupied by one Jessie Popp. It was asked whether or not this proceeding was a proper one, but it was explained occurrences of a like kind have been known as almost daily happenings.

as almost daily happenings.

Sergt. Smith said Officer Ferguson and himself had been looking for Mr. Harry smoot's watch ever since it was stolen from him. Charley Smith was then called. He stated

Charley Smith was then called. He stated that Officer Ferguson came across an open lot and went to Ricc's. At 12:29 o'clock, he said, Smith came along and asked him (Charley Smith) for a chew of tobacco. On being told that he had none, Sergi. Smith replied that he would go over to Ricc's and huve a nice. "I then went to a window near by," the witness stated, "and stationed myself, and

waited until the officers came out together, which was about 1:40." Smith, in explanation of his action, said he was night watchman at the W. and O. yard, and suspected some parties of entering and robbing cars standing on the track

"Who were these people?" asked Lawyer Marbury.
"Do you mean for me to give the names?" replied Charley Smith.
"Yes, sir," replied Mr. Marbury, very emphatically; "I want to know who they

Smith again refused, in a decidedly em-

phatic manner, to tell the names of the men he was alleged to be watching. In the po-sition taken by Charley Smith on this joint Mayor Thompson upheld him. "To whom did you give your information about seeing Sergt. Smith and Officer Fer-guson at that hour of the night?"
"To my father" (Lieut. James Smith),

"and I gave it to Capt. Webset."

"Why was it that you gave it to your father just after it is alleged to have happened, and yet some time after gave it to Capt. Webster?" No answer.

Capt. Webster?" No answer.

"All not reply directly, but that effect.

In the meantime Detective O'Donnell of the meantime better to be station house." and I gave it to Capt. Webster a few days

Smith and Officer Ferguson were trying to do my father dirty, so as to get him out of the position of lieutenant. I never saw either of these officers drunk or under the influence of liquor; neither have I seen either of them, while on duty, enter a house of ill fame." Georgiana Kirby, an inmate of a house of ill fame in the "Whitechapel district," was the next witness called by Capt. Web-

ster to bear out his charges against Of-ficer Ferguson and Sergt. Smith. She said she had never seen Sergt. Smith or Officer Ferguson take a drink while on duty or at any other time, and had never seen them under the influence of l'quor since she had known them. Mr. Hepburn testified that he had never

seen either one of these officers under the influence of liquor, as did also Lewis Will-Williams stated that Charley Smith had asked him if he couldn't swear that Sergt. Smith went on a drunk now and Officer Sherwood said: "I have never

Omeer Sherwood said: I have never taken a drink in thirty years. So far as I know I have never seen Officer Ferguson drunk in my life. I did see him, however, about 1:30 o'clock, if not earlier, on the night he is charged with having been in Rice's saloon, and he was not drunk then. I also saw Sergeant Smith about the same hour, and he was perfectly so-

house of ill fame at a late hour in the night, Mr. S. G. Brent, corporation attorney, testified that it was upon his advice hey were looking for information on th Sn.cot watch case, and they told him they though they knew where they could get some evidence. This was thought to be

some evidence. This was thought to be perfectly proper.

Officer Wilkinson was relieved from duty at 10 o'clock the night in question. He testified most emphatically that Officer Ferguson was not drunk.

Officer Proctor testified to having met Officer Ferguson in a vacant lot and giving him some private information in regard to raiding a place.

Jessie Popp. an inmate of a down-town

Jessie Popp, an inmate of a down-town resort, testified that Captain Webster had been to her house May 9 to see her and Maud Tibbit. He wanted to know what Sergeant Smith and Officer Ferguson were down there about. Lieutenant Smith, she said, was standing on the steps.

Maud Tibbit was then put on the stand, and said that Sergeant Smith and Officer Ferguson and herself were in the back

parior having a private conversation. On being pressed to tell what the talk was about she said that Sergeant Smith was trying to get some information about Harry Smoot's watch through her. John Proctor, an officer, was again put on the stand. He said he was on the cor-ner of Princess and Royal streets, on the night in question, and he heard some one coming down Royal street, and found it was Jim Davis. This was a little before or a little after 10 o'clock.

After the evidence was in and the room cleared of all but the mayor and police commissioners, it took but a few minutes to bring in a verdict of acquittal. As a matter of fact, Sergeant Smith and Officer Fergusen only had to make statements for nselves to prove to the satisfaction of the people the utter falsity of any such

It is but recently that they were sus pended for thirty days each, in spite not alone of public opinion and legal opinion me, but of the opinion of the supreme court. It was predicted exclusively in The Star at the time of their reinstate ment by the board of police commissioners, on authority of the supreme court of appeals, and the money occasioned by loss of time handed back to them by the mayor who suspended them, that even that was The good people of Alexandria say that they will soon be up in arms unless the board of police commissioners shall put

a stop to all of this police wrangling. Last night about 8 o'clock a man, ap

rame as A. M. Blankard, and stated that rame as A. M. Blankard, and stated that he had ridden nearly 7,000 miles on his wheel. He was escorted to the lodging room, where he proceeded to make himself

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as comfortable as possible under the cir cumstences.

To a Star reporter he stated that he was

To a Star reporter he stated that he was a dentist by profession and that his home is in Ogden, Utah, which place he left on his wheel May 20, 1896. He traveled cast until he reached Springfield, Ohio, when he turned his way south, going as far as Tampa, Fla. Here he faced about and came north. He intends to go as far as New York, when he will start on the return to his home in Utah.

Blankard gives as the reason for his long trip that he is visiting the battlefields, gathering material for war songs, which he will publish upon his arrival home, under the title "Ballads of the Battlefield." When asked by the reporter in what state he had

the title "Ballads of the Battlefield." When asked by the reporter in what state he had succeeded best in gathering material he said the largest results were in Virginia. He has been traveling through this state for the past month. He left this morning for Washington, and expects to reach New York about the 1st of July.

His wheel is in a fairly good condition, and is the same one he has ridden since he first started. He expects to finish his long journey on the same wheel.

Dodge Not Insane.

A commission was held yesterday afterncon at 4:30 o'clock at the station house to inquire into the mental condition of J. Stanford Dodge, the man who was ar rested Saturday afternoon by Sergeant Smith on the charge of forgery. The com-mission was composed of Justices Beach, Whittlessy and Sipple. Drs. Miller and Parvis made a thorough examination and testified before the commissioners that in their onlines. Dodge was perfectly sense

Baltimore appeared at the station house with warrants for Dodge, charging him with forgery in Baltimore city. There are about fifteen cases against the accused in the monumental city, all of his victims being women.

each instance the checks were for small amounts, and the name of ex-Mayor F. B. Latrobe was forged, Dodge repre-senting himself to be Charles Latrobe, his son. The checks were all drawn on the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore. Mr. O'Donnell stated to a Star reporter that he has been hunting for Dodge for several weeks, having visited Philadelphia, New York and other cities in search of him. The charge against Dodge for forghim. The charge against Dodge for forg-ery of a check on Mrs. Wenzel was quash-ed, and the prisoner was turned over to Detective O'Donnell, who proposed to take him to Baltimore. When the electric train was reached, however, Dodge refused to go without a requisition. He taken back to jail and locked up. detective left last night for Baltimore to get the necessary papers.

Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Real Estate Company was held in this city yesterday afternoon After transacting some business of a rou tine nature, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John H. Walter, president; J. Augustus Taylor, vice president: Augustus Crane, jr., treasurer; Chas. F. Ramsdell, secretary, and for board of directors, John H. Walter, J. Augustus Taylor, Augustus Crane, Jr., John Ridout, Wm. H. Barstow, John Sidney Webb and Anthony W. Armstrong; auditor of ac-counts, Anthony W. Armstrong.

Evening Star Bureau Concert. The 3d Virginia Regiment Field Band gave an interesting concert in front of The Evening Star bureau last evening.

was listened to by a large crowd. This band is fast gaining a reputation to be proud of in this city and state. The following selections were rendered: "El Caplowing selections were rendered: "El Cap-ltan," "Black America" and "Belle of New

CONDENSED LOCALS

The police were asked today to look out for five bicycles, alleged to have been stolen. Three of them were hired from the store of J. O. Tune & Bro., on H street, and were not returned. Two colored men and a white man did the hiring. The other wheels were hired from John M. Doyle's store, on Pennsylvania avenue southeast, and McLean & Alstead's store, on Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Michael Lanhady made his periodical visit to the Police Court today. He was released only yesterday from the work-house. "I found Mike drunk, as usual, last evening," stated a policeman. Realiz-ing that the eloquence of Cleero would avail him not. Mike took the position that

If you want anything, try an ad. in The Star. If anybody has what you wish, you will get an answer.

Little Edith Thompson, the child planist whose performances at the White House re-cently so pleased the President and Mrs. McKinley, was entertained by Gen. Ruger, an old friend of her father, at his home on Scott Circle. For a child of seven years she plays remarkably well, and those who have heard her predict for her a brilliant future. She is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Thompson of Cedar Park, Md. whose performances at the White House re-

A brown silk skirt has been stolen from Mrs. Alice Harris of No. 114 F street southwest within the past ten days. She has requested the police to find it for her. This mcrning the police were informed that a pickpocket had operated in a saloon last night. The robbery was committed in one of the many saloons on Last night about 8 o'clock a man, apparently about fifty years of age, rode up on a bicycle to the station house and applied for a night's lodging. He gave his

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